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## **Quartz Fire Restoration and Recovery**

You are invited to a meeting and open house sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 12 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to present information about the recent Quartz Fire and discuss Forest Service and BLM management within the burned area. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Applegate Ranger District, 6941 Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR.

The Quartz Fire started on August 9, 2001 and burned approximately 6,160 acres in the headwaters of the Little Applegate River. On August 26, 2001, the fire was declared Controlled. The BLM administers approximately 1000 acres of land within the fire perimeter. The Forest Service administers approximately 3600 acres within the fire perimeter. The remaining acres are owned and managed by private individuals and companies. Significant emergency rehabilitation work has already been completed.

The BLM and Forest Service are requesting public assistance and participation in identifying additional environmental issues to analyze with the proposed action of aiding restoration and recovery of the burned area. This process, known as **scoping**, is the solicitation of public, Forest Service and BLM issues and opportunities regarding a proposal. Planning teams will consider your input when conducting their analysis. Proposed Actions are being developed which respond to the purpose and need for restoration and recovery activities.

The meeting format will allow time for a presentation about the fire and its effects, a presentation about agency management activities in the fire area and an open house format to discuss your concerns with key agency specialists and decision makers.

Because of the urgent nature of the proposed actions, it is anticipated that the public involvement process will continue rapidly. Written Environmental Assessments will be available for public comment in February or March. The BLM and Forest Service will be issuing separate Environmental Analysis documents. The analysis work is being coordinated and BLM and Forest Service are working together to share data and ideas. Internal agency policies and schedules necessitate separate analysis documents for this project. If you are unable to attend this meeting we would still like to hear from you in writing. When the Environmental Assessments are released, there will also be a formal 30 day comment period to allow you to respond to specific project proposals.

We hope to see you there.

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